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Arizona could be close to lifting its hold on six highway projects because of a shortfall in federal funding.

On Thursday, Congress sent President Bush an eight billion dollar rescue package for the federal highway trust fund.

Arizona Department of Transportation spokesman Doug Nintzel says state officials will review the legislation but that the state's hold on the projects likely would end when President Bush signs the bill.

Nintzel says the state remains concerned about the lack of a long-term fix to the federal government's transportation system.

Arizona's 6.5 billion dollar five-year highway construction program gets 44-percent of its funding from the federal government.
Associated Press

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